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FARMERS TO BUY PLYMOUTH CREAMERY

Over \$70,000 Subscribed in
St. Johnsbury at Mass
Meeting Friday P. M.

A mass meeting of the farmers of this vicinity was held in the St. Johnsbury Town Hall Friday afternoon to further consider the plan that was first proposed on Feb. 23 to purchase of J. W. Davies of Reading, Mass., the Plymouth Creamery Co. plants. Over 100 farmers were present and E. H. Hallett, president of the local branch of the New England Milk Producers' association, presided and Guy C. Wright was the secretary. Mr. Hallett said many farmers have been favorable to owning their own creameries, and after briefly reviewing the proceedings of the first meeting on Feb. 23, spoke of the visits the committee had made the past week to the other creameries owned by the corporation, both in New England and Canada. Practically all the plants had been visited by one or more members of the committee appointed at the first meeting. A great majority of those present favored the purchase of the Plymouth Creamery Co. to be operated by the farmers as a cooperative proposition.

Mr. Wilson of Woodsville spoke of the result of the meetings held in the Grafton county towns and said that the movement was spreading and he thoroughly believed it would be successful.

J. C. Chandler of Waterford spoke of his visit to the four Canadian plants and said everybody seemed interested in the plan. He then stated that the physical valuation of the Plymouth Creamery Co. as it appeared on the books was as follows:

Fitch Bay, P. Q.	\$3,995.38
West Newbury	4,181.85
Littleton	6,285.89
Magog, P. Q.	3,138.98
New Boston, N. H.	36,104.75
North Hatley, P. Q.	8,461.91
Passumpsic	1,236.42
St. Johnsbury	97,301.07
Swiftwater, N. H.	2,064.68
Way's Mills, P. Q.	6,157.43
Cans and Jackets	36,745.51
Laboratory	1,266.73
Horses and Wagons	1,489.66
Rockingham	4,000.00
State Street, Boston	23,974.35
Trucks	12,427.05

Total valuation \$243,131.66
Mr. Chandler said he considered this a very fair appraisal as many items entering into the construction of the buildings, as well as the cans and trucks, had advanced materially in price since they were bought, and that the Plymouth Creamery Co. charged off to depreciation every year at every plant.

Mr. Chandler said a Boston bank was ready to advance about half enough money to finance the proposition, but he favored raising the stock among the farmers and doing their own financing. He said on the basis of \$10 per cow the committee were sure of the product of 10,000 cows and hoped to have 15,000. It was proposed to take stock on the basis of \$3 1/3 cents per month per cow for three years, after which the plant would be bought and paid for. Mr. Chandler said the management would stay in Mr. Gardner's hands with a board of directors to help manage the corporation.

Mr. Farmer of Boston, representing Richard Pattee of the New England Milk Producers' association, explained the Turner Center plan where the farmers have recently purchased a large privately owned creamery corporation and urged that the farmers take advantage of the opportunity.

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THE LAYMEN'S LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

Men Have Joined and Plan
for Aggressive Christian
Work in This Community

One of the results of the recent meetings is the formation in St. Johnsbury of the Laymen's League and 100 men from the five churches that united in the evangelistic services have already joined the new organization. At a meeting of the Laymen's League at Grace Methodist church assembly room Monday evening the organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: President, Frank H. Brooks; Vice-Presidents, Edgar R. Brown, I. P. Slack, C. P. Goodall, H. E. Dean, Charles Wright, I. G. Marshall; Team Leaders, Charles A. Shields, Fred R. Clifford, V. B. Tiechurst; Shop Committee, Willard V. Orcutt, chairman, Orris Jenks, W. B. Stevenson, Noel J. Kingsbury; President Brooks presided at the meeting and Dr. Rees was present and offered many helpful suggestions. Following an enthusiastic song service, led by Mr. Brooks with Carroll Montgomery at the piano, there was a season of prayer. Then followed remarks from many present as to future plans.

It was announced that meetings in this town would be started on Sundays as soon as possible, and later in the season there would be Sunday meetings in the outlying districts. It was voted to have meetings of the Laymen's League every Monday night. It was also decided to have union Sunday night services occasionally to be conducted by the Laymen's League and the executive committee will announce the date of the first one later.

The meeting was full of enthusiasm, attended by nearly 60 laymen, and the new organization promises well for the quickening of the religious life of this town and vicinity.

FULLER SAVED ST. JOHNSBURY IN COAL CRISIS

A day or two before the big storm which has so paralyzed railroad traffic, and when St. Johnsbury was facing the most acute coal crisis in its history, nine carloads of anthracite coal arrived in town just in the nick of time. This coal was sent here by Henry J. Fuller of New York, president of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., and divided among the local dealers. There were all sizes in the shipment and many families were supplied that had been out of fuel for some days. To get the coal through Mr. Fuller had to secure a special permit as there is still an embargo on the Boston & Maine railroad.

The first car of bituminous coal which has come to St. Johnsbury for some time also arrived this week. This was the car that the dealer, the Commercial Club and the railroad officials had tried to locate. The cargo was billed for Brightlook Hospital and arrived just as their supply of soft coal had been exhausted.

Fifty-Fifty.

Nat Goodwin is blamed for the following: John's wife never knows where he is after nine in the evening, but neither does he.

Appeal for Brightlook Hospital Aid Association

Why should the Brightlook Hospital Aid association, at this time ask for pledges from friends of the association?

A moment's reflection a brief comparison of pre-war and present prices and you have the answer. To be specific the high cost of cotton is the reason.

Each year the Aid association purchases large quantities of cotton from which sheets pillow slips and gowns are made. To maintain the work this year is required a sum of money four or five times as great as during the pre-war period, and at the February Executive meeting it was voted to initiate the pledge system.

The committee in charge are, Mrs. J. W. Scott, chairman, Mrs. G. F. Cheney and Mrs. Ella S. Truax, and the following persons will circulate the pledge cards:

Mrs. George Cary, Miss Hazel Chesley, Mrs. Alex. N. Drew, Mrs. Carl D. Hovey, Mrs. W. H. Jenks, Mrs. W. P. Smith, Miss Phoebe Scott, Mrs. Chas. Simanton, Mrs. C. E. Severance, Mrs. Ella S. Truax, Miss Ella Wilmarth, Lyndon and Lyndonville; Mrs. Elbridge Hastings, Waterford; Mrs. Chauncey Miltimore, Concord; Mrs. Homer Rice, St. Johnsbury Center.

It is hoped that there will be many who will gladly assist the association in its important and very necessary work.

ST. J. ACADEMY GETS BEQUEST OF \$8,650

Mrs. McCarthy Had Life
Use of Fund and Makes
Some Small Bequests

By the death of Mrs. Abbie F. McCarthy the St. Johnsbury Academy will receive about \$8,650 for its scholarship fund. When Miss Carrie Underwood's will was probated a few years ago the sum of \$10,000 was left Mrs. McCarthy to use the income, and the principal if necessary, and at her death the balance should revert to the Academy. The latter institution will now receive about \$8,650.

Mrs. McCarthy left the following bequests herself, \$100 to the Woman's Association of the North Congregational church; \$100 to the memorial free bed fund of the Brightlook Hospital association; \$50 to the Chamberlin Relief Corps for their flower fund; \$50 to the Fifty Club of St. Johnsbury.

FIRE STATION TO BE MOVED TO OLD SITE

Was On Private Land and
Now Goes On Government
Land

Our peripatetic fire station is again on the move, and it is now being moved back to its old location, nine feet east of the present site. When it was supposed that the government would want the land for the new post office building the Treasury officials ordered the building moved off their land. It was moved nine feet west last year. After C. E. Silsby bought the old Caledonian property he notified the village trustees that the fire station was on his land and it will now be moved back to its old site. The Treasury officials have given permission to have the building on government land until such time as the land will be wanted for the new post office.

Charged with Violating Internal Revenue Law

Regina Leonard and Rosa Agostini both of South Ryegate, were brought to Montpelier Monday on an indictment of the United States court charging them with violating the internal revenue act. The women could talk very little English, but vigorously insisted that they had paid their fine in certain liquor cases and also paid a revenue tax. Bail was fixed at \$500 which was furnished by a couple of Italians who appeared for the women and the case will come up for trial at the May term of the Federal court.

Keeping Mirrors Bright.
To clean mirrors, keep a piece of sponge, a cloth and a silk handkerchief. First sponge the glass well, so as to clean off all spots, then dust over it powder blue tied in muslin; rub it off lightly and quickly with the cloth, and finish by rubbing it with the handkerchief.

MISS ROUSE TELL THRILLS OF AIR FLIGHT

With Miss Stevens and
Miss Ide She Enjoys Air-
plane Trip Over City

The thrilling experience of three St. Johnsbury young women in airplane flights over St. Petersburg, Florida is told in an interesting way by Miss Grace Rouse of the Cary Maple Sugar Co. in a letter to her sister, Miss Florence Rouse of the Caledonian-Record office. The letter follows:

We have been perusing the Caledonian for the last two weeks and it certainly does not contain very cheering news to us here in Florida, so Helen Stevens, Mary Ide and myself thought we would try to add a little variety in the way of amusement and we betook ourselves on the morning of March 3rd, to the Pier where Lieut. Whitted's hydro-plane, "Blue Bird" was preparing for a trip to Pass-a-Grille. Perhaps our St. J. friends will like a change from snow banks, the flu and zero weather and will listen for a time to an account of our three trips, not exactly through the clouds, but well up over the earth. We would have preferred to have gone together or at least in pairs but none of us being feather-weights, Lt. Whitted took one at a time.

The "Blue Bird" is a Curtiss model and is a very beautiful plane, painted a sea blue and when in flight looks like a big bird. The motor is close to the upper plane, above the heads of pilot and passenger so practically all danger from fire is eliminated as the velocity of the plane would sweep the flames far to the rear should an explosion occur.

Just before I was ready to start Lt. Whitted asked us if we had heard of the accident at Fort Myers the day before when three men were killed. Whether he did it to test our nerve or not, we do not know, and we informed him we were not easily frightened and had watched him fly too long not to have a good deal of confidence in him. In this accident, the pilot went far inland and all were killed before they reached the ground.

In preparing for the flight, your ears are filled with cotton and you are helmeted and begoggled and present something of the appearance of the diver from your shoulders up. We were given a 15 minute trip over Tampa Bay and St. Petersburg and it is well worth the price. On starting out you are hardly aware that you have left the water, and not until you look overboard and see the piers beneath do you know for a certainty that you are "going up."

Miss Stevens and I would prefer a second one and would like to go a little higher next time. We each went to 2,000 feet altitude and found it warmer than at 1,000 feet. There is almost no sensation of speed unless you attempt to speak to the pilot or put your hand out to wave to your friends down on earth. Your hand simply refuses to wave at a speed of 60 miles. In climbing up, you are not aware of doing so unless you watch the indicator, but in descending you have the same sensation that an escalator gives you and the wind blows terrifically.

We skimmed along over the Bay close to the Str. "Favorite" just leaving for Brandenton, and then mounted higher until we were out over the city. One does not appreciate the real beauty of St. Petersburg until seen from a 1,500 feet altitude.

Lt. Whitted does not do any stunts with regular passengers but we have watched him do some wonderful spirals. You are not fastened into the plane but sit beside him without a thing to grasp other than the side of the seat. Lt. Whitted told us that the air compression would hold a passenger in so there was very little danger of falling out. You sit well under a steering wheel similar to the one he uses, but he doesn't care to have any assistance in driving.

Miss Ide and Miss Stevens looked like mere specks as we passed over their heads at an altitude of 1,200 feet. The day was misty so that the distant view was not as good as on a clear day but we could see clouds below us.

We certainly recommend the trip to all our friends as a dispeller of "blues", and after taking it you would forget that the snow was five feet deep or that the thermometer ever registered 45 degrees below zero. If there are any skeptics here who think this is a newspaper yarn, we have three certificates signed by Lt. Whitted giving the date and altitude of our flights, of which we are very proud and we also hope the snaps taken by Mr. Stevens and myself will be good ones.

Daily Thought.
To receive honestly is the best thanks for a good thing.—George MacDonald.

Legion Votes for Ex-Soldiers Bonus

At the regular meeting of the W. R. Knapp Post, No. 58, of the American Legion of St. Johnsbury, Dr. J. P. Tierney was elected post war risk officer, B. H. Daniels was elected to represent the post war risk officer and Post Commander H. G. Powell to represent the post at the State Conference at Montpelier, Mar. 12.

The post voted to instruct the delegates to stand for a government bonus for ex-service men. There will be a called meeting of the post at the Armory March 16, at 7:30 p. m., to elect a sergeant-at-arms, employment officer, three members of the post executive committee and three members of the post athletic committee.

LAST SERVICES OF DR. REES ON SUNDAY

The Services Well Attended
Notwithstanding the Bad
Travelling

Despite bad street conditions caused by the blizzard there were three large audiences at the Rees meetings Sunday. In the morning at the North church the subject was "The Master is come, and calleth for thee". That God "calls" men is shown in history, in the Bible, and in experience. Such calls have a three-fold purpose; first, for pardon. Blind Bartimeus could not be still as he cried out "have mercy upon me." There are many today who are spiritually blind, to whom Christian truth has no meaning, to whom sin is not serious. Jesus has the same solicitude today to heal the blind of soul if you will cry out "have mercy." God's call is also for service. As with Moses, the place where God calls us is Holy ground; with us also should be the conviction "I am that I am hath sent I you." Many here have received sight at the hands of Jesus, but what have you been doing since you met the Master? I have been for four weeks in this beautiful town, filled with comfort and homes. I have not coveted those homes, but I have coveted you. What could be accomplished here and in all this region if you respond fully to God's call. Do you know the joy of service? There were never such opportunities and such needs for zealous Christian activity as today. And God never calls a man but He also opens the way. There are innumerable homes and lives that need kindly Christian ministries. Are you too busy? But what is your life for but to do the Master's will? God's call is, in the third place, a call to consolation. That was the meaning of the text: these were the words of Martha and her sister by their brother's grave. As Christ came to them in answer to their grievous need, so He will come to all lives bereaved, lonely, and discouraged; even those who have buried their hearts in some grave. His grace is sufficient for you.

How does God call us? By His spirit, who is ever pleading for entrance, that He may strengthen, comfort and inspire your life. God calls by His love, which is greater than the love of even mother or wife. He calls by the Word of Revelation. Your churches for generations have proclaimed the Christian Gospel in your hearing; you have the open Bible, you know its meaning; you are not as though you were living in Heathendom. You are responsible because you may know the truth—if you will. God calls you by the Christian church which bears witness in your midst to eternal verities. He calls you by your home, by its Christian culture, by His Son. The country about here is not unlike that of Jerusalem and I can imagine Jesus standing on one of those hills, and as before, crying "How oft would I have gathered thy children together, O St. Johnsbury, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing—and ye would not." God calls us by His providences. Mr. Moody once had a man come to him and say: "I was an infidel. I lost my little girl, and I dreamed that I saw her in a company of white, and she was stretching out her hands to me, and saying, 'this way, papa, this way.' I tried to find a boat to get across the river, I tried to wade, but it was too deep. In agony I answered, 'how can I come?' And then I seemed to hear a voice, 'I am the Way,' and I awoke. But I dropped on my knees, and prayed, and promised that I would go to where my little girl was calling me. Thus God is calling you today, in countless ways. Will you hear His call, and answer, 'Here am I'?"

LESSON FROM THE SLUMS OF PARIS. LONDON & NEW YORK Grace Methodist church had a large audience of men at the afternoon service and the Laymen's League Quintette sang two selections. Carroll Montgomery presided at the piano. Before Dr. Rees gave his address Mr. Richards spoke of the significance of

RAILROADS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Maine Central the Last Line
to Resume Limited Pas-
senger Service

The railroads are gradually getting back to normal and resuming their passenger service, the Maine Central being the last in this vicinity to get trains through. The old Northern railroad from White River Junction to Concord is still closed for traffic and the Central Vermont trains are run into Boston via Bellows Falls and Greenfield. The Boston & Maine have declined to haul their dining cars and parlor cars on the New England states limited of the Central Vermont until after this week.

The first through train from Boston over the White Mountain division came up from Concord and Plymouth Tuesday evening. This was the afternoon "air line" and it brought the belated Boston mails and the Sunday papers. The night "air line" passed through St. Johnsbury at 5:37 Wednesday morning, being about 2 1/2 hours late. These trains had to run slow because of the condition of the roadbed.

Through connection with Burlington was established Tuesday p. m. when the Burlington and Lamotte railroad from Cambridge Junction to Burlington was opened up.

The Maine Central expect to get their snow plow through from Lancaster Tuesday and if it arrives here in time the afternoon train for the East will start out. This will be the first train to Lunenburg since the storm and it will be impossible to run it through to Portland because of the drifts in the White Mountains. The situation in a more serious manner. The various lines, including volunteers in many of the larger cities in southern New Hampshire, worked hours overtime to open up traffic and the station officials were very courteous in explaining as best they could the prospects of the resumed traffic.

St. Johnsbury Artists On a Concert Tour

The Misses Lola and Marjorie French, Misses Barbara and Lucy Clark of Boston, Mass., came Monday to spend the week at Robert French's.

These young ladies, known as the Whitney Folk have given a good many concerts in and near Boston this winter. They go to Lyndonville Thursday evening and to Glover, Friday evening, where they give the same program which they have contracted to give this summer for the Redpath Chautauqua, touring states in the middle west and south.

The program is said to be most attractive, consisting of piano, cello, violin, and vocal solos, pianologues and readings, closing with costume dancing.

Quite a number are planning to go to Lyndonville, Thursday evening to hear the program.

the meetings and Frank H. Brooks made a strong appeal for a generous offering as a fitting recognition of the splendid service Dr. Rees and Mrs. Rees had rendered this community.

The theme of Dr. Rees' address was "The Slums of Paris, London and New York" and after graphically describing the slums of these three great cities he drew striking lessons from conditions in each metropolis. The lesson from the slums of Paris was that the home was neglected in our busy life, and that too many distractions had come into our life to take us away from home and its influences.

AWARD PRIZES IN U. S. ARMY ESSAY CONTEST

Commercial Club and Merchants Prizes Distributed to Nearly 50 Scholars

The committees having in charge the judging of the essays on the advantages of joining the United States army have finished their work and judges have also made the awards the prizes offered by the Commercial Club and the 42 prizes offered by merchants of St. Johnsbury. Four educational institutions in competition were the St. Johnsbury Academy, the public schools, St. Joseph's Academy and St. Gabriel's school. The best essay by each of these schools has been selected. Tomlinson to Albany, N. Y. for competition in the government prizes and they are also given. Commercial Club prizes of \$5 each. Miss Isabelle W. Porter of St. Johnsbury Academy won the first of the prizes and also receives the first merchants' prize, which is a pair of rubbers or \$15 in cash, offered by Art Liberty.

Miss Ethel Mohanan of Mt. St. Joseph's Academy receives the second Commercial Club prize and \$10 in cash, offered by E. N. Randall & Co. Alfred Bussiere of the St. Gabriel school receives the third Commercial Club prize and bicycle tires offered by C. B. Chase.

Dana Baxter of the public schools receives the fourth Commercial Club prize and \$5 worth of merchandise from The Peck Company store. The other prizes of the St. Johnsbury merchants are awarded as follows:

Katherine Conant, \$5 in mdse. Randall & Whitcomb's.
Lillian Martin, \$5 in mdse. Leach & Waterman's.
Norman Lachance, \$5 in mdse. Asselin Brothers.
Ruth Spreedly, \$5 in mdse at Leach & Smythe's.
Edwina Macomber, Nippon dish the Berry-Hall Dry Goods store.
Robert Hallett, dress suit case. Amos W. Scott Co.
Harriett Vernon, bottle perfume at W. B. Eastman's.
Luther Green, sweater at Steg Taplin store.

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